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BOOK REVIEWS

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OBSTETRICAL NURSING. A Manual for Nurses and Students and Practitioners of Medicine. By Charles Sumner Bacon, Ph.B., M.D., Professor of Obstetrics, University of Illinois and the Chicago Polyclinic; Medical Director Chicago Lying-In Hospital and Dispensary; Attending Obstetrician Chicago Polyclinic, Henrotin, German and Evangelical Deaconess Hospitals. Illustrated with 123 Engravings. Lea & Febiger, Philadelphia and New York. Price \$2.

Dr. Bacon defines obstetrics as a science which considers "the physiological and pathological changes in woman during pregnancy, labor and the puerperium," and as an art which has "to do with the supervision and care of the reproduction functions in woman and especially with assistance during labor."

Obstetrical nursing he considers of great importance in the art of obstetrics. He believes, moreover, that the physician should be thoroughly acquainted with every detail of the nursing: "He should understand how to care for the sick gravida, the suffering woman in labor, and the lactating mother, just as much as the supervising engineer or architect should know the work of the employees under his control." It is this idea which puts the student and the practitioner in the company of the nurse in the sub-title. Perhaps there is nothing new in the text, but certainly none of the accumulated knowledge of this oldest branch of nursing that goes to make a good nurse will be found wanting. Every detail pertaining to the management of the normal obstetrical case is minutely considered. Every departure from the normal with its attendant complications has its treatment outlined.

There is an interesting chapter giving all the changes and developments of embryology. There is finally the care of the new born through the first few weeks of life.

THE FROHSE ANATOMY CHARTS. Goder-Heiman Co., 623 S. Wabash Avenue, Chicago. Price \$3.00 each. \$39.00 the set.

Of these maps the ones of the eye, ear, and of the median section through the head, are of mammoth size, greatly facilitating the teaching of minute parts. Thus the most tortuous labyrinth, the smallest